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In re Patent Application for:

Steven Teig

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR QUANTIFYING THE  
QUALITY OF PLACEMENT  
CONFIGURATIONS IN A  
PARTITIONED REGION OF AN  
INTEGRATED-CIRCUIT  
LAYOUT

Examiner: Annette Thompson

Group Art Unit: 2825

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following Supplemental Amendment supplements Applicants' prior Amendment dated August 31, 2004 to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004. This Supplemental Amendment is submitted as a follow up to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated October 18, 2004. Please amend the patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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